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**36.(New)** A composition for treating rhinitis, sinusitis, epistaxis and post surgical irrigation which essentially consisting of;

A. about 1 to 5% by weight of Dead Sea salts essentially free of organic impurities and having a mineral content comprising about 31-35% magnesium halide, about 24-26% potassium halide, about 4-8% sodium halide and about 0.4-0.6% calcium halide,

B. water, and

C. a suitable buffer to provide a pH of about 6.5 to 7.5.

**37.(New)** The composition of claim 36 which is a nasal spray formulation.

**38.(New)** A method for treating rhinitis, sinusitis, epistaxis and post surgical irrigation which comprises administering into the nasal passageway a composition essentially consisting of;

A. about 1 to 5% by weight of Dead Sea salts essentially free of organic impurities and having a mineral content comprising about 31-35% magnesium halide, about 24-26% potassium halide, about 4-8% sodium halide and about 0.4-0.6% calcium halide,

B. water, and

C. a suitable buffer to provide a pH of about 6.5 to 7.5.

**39.(New)** The method of claim 38 wherein epistaxis is treated.

**40.(New)** The method of claim 38, wherein sinusitis is treated.

**41.(New)** The method of claim 38 wherein rhinitis is treated.

**42.(New)** The method of claim 38 wherein the composition provides post surgical irrigation.

**43.(New)** The method of claim 38 wherein the composition is sprayed into the nasal passageway.

**44.(New)** The method of claim 38 wherein said composition comprises about 0.5 to 5 grams per liter of said mineral content.